The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this only proves the effectiveness of the action we have taken and it is a compliment to us."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" எற்கெனவே கடந்த கூட்டத்தில் இதே விஷயத்தைப்பற்றி விவாதம் செய்ய ஒரு அரை மணி நேரம் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருந்தது. ஆகவே இப்பொழுதாவது அந்த அரை மணியை இந்தக் கேள்வியைப்பற்றி விவாதிக்க ஒதுக்கவேண்டுமென்று நான் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" இன்றைக்கு முடியாது. எற்கெனவே வேறு ஒரு கேள்வியைப்பற்றி விவாதிக்க இன்றைக்கு ஒரு அரைமணி நேரம் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. வேண்டுமானால் நான் திங்கட்கிழமை இதைப்பற்றி விவாதிக்க அரைமணி நேரம் ஒதுக்குகிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I shall only be hearing perhaps some suggestions and allegations from hon. Members. I will not be able to give any more information to the hon. Members."

Supply of cloth to the cyclone-affected people by Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam.

* 583 Q.—

8–10 a.m. Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri K. R. Sambandam, is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

Sri K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received handloom cloths amounting to several thousands from the leader of the " Dravida Munnetra Khazhagam " for distribution to the cyclone-affected people; and

(*b*) if so, whether they were distributed?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Two thousand five hundred madies of grey handloom dhoties and 3,005 coloured handloom saries valued at Rs. 23,156-1-6 and 21 bundles of old and used clothes were received from the Assistant Secretary of the Dravida Progressive Federation, Rayapuram, on the 17th and 18th of June 1953 for distribution to the cyclone-affected people in Tanjore and Tiruchirappalli districts.

" (*b*) They were sent to the Collectors of Tanjore and Tiruchirappalli districts in the proportion of 3 :1 as desired by the Federation."

Grant of subsidy to the American Hospital, Vellore.

* 584 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri D. Dasarathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of subsidy given by the State Government to the American Hospital at Vellore; and

(*b*) whether the Government are considering a proposal for the establishment of a maternity ward at Wandiwash and if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) A grant calculated at the rate of eight annas per day for each indigent patient treated free, subject to a maximum of Rs. 20,000 per annum, is being paid to the hospital attached to the Christian Medical College, Vellore.

" (b) No, Sir."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government have any control over the admission of patients in this hospital or whether the Government have given any directions regarding the manner in which the patients are to be admitted? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Government exercise no such control."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, may I know whether in any particular year the Government have paid any sum less than the maximum prescribed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the Union Government as well as the State Government are receiving subsidies and grants from America, is it necessary that we should give a subsidy to a hospital run by the American Mission? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, they are treating Indian patients."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, may I know from the Hon. the Minister for Public Health whether there is any maternity hospital at Wandiwash, it being the taluk headquarters? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, a Maternity Home Building Committee has been formed and they have offered to construct a maternity ward for which they have collected some money. The Government have accepted this offer and they have also sanctioned recurring expenditure of Rs. 100 per annum and non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 1,050 for buying cots and bedside lockers, etc."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, as this hospital happens to be under the management of American Missionaries stationed at Vellore under the name and style of the American Arcot Mission and as they are getting a subsidy from the Madras Government they have to be above all communal feelings. But, they are indulging in preaching the teachings of Christ while administering medicine to the patients who are admitted in this Hospital. Are the Government aware of the fact that the doctors in this hospital who are making use of our funds are, at the same time, preaching the teachings of Christ to the patients and are telling them that it is Christ who is curing them and not they, the doctors? The Government should not allow such kind of preaching which is now being indulged in as it is unconstitutional."

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Government have no such information nor are they aware of efforts being made to convert patients to Christianity."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, there are discriminations on religious grounds in regard to admissions to the Medical College attached to this hospital. Will the Government take steps to see that such discriminations are not made in the hospital? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is only in regard to the hospital and not in regard to the Medical College."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, there is discrimination in regard to admission of patients to the hospital also."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Capitation Grants to the College and the Nursing school have been stopped but poor patients who are admitted are being treated free. On account of this the Maintenance Grant is given to help the institution."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, is it not a fact that in spite of the mixing up of religion with treatment this American Mission Hospital is the most popular one in the Madras State? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, this Hospital and College enjoy an All-India reputation as one of the best institutions in the country."

Firka Development Scheme for Sullia firka.

* 585 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have called for any report about the progress of Firka Development Scheme in Sullia Firka until its replacement by the National Extension Scheme;

(*b*) if so, what are the main achievements under the scheme; and

(*c*) the total expenditure incurred on the scheme and the amount of salary paid to the staff?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The following are the main achievements of the scheme :—

Agriculture.—Two hundred and thirty-seven compost pits were dug and 900 tons of compost produced. Thirteen acres of waste lands were reclaimed and brought under cultivation. Green manure, improved paddy seeds, vegetable seeds and fruit plants were distributed. Loans were given to ryots for purchase of manure.

Sanitation and public health.—Thirty-six Wardha type latrines and twenty-one flushout latrines were constructed; four cess pools were constructed and regular sweeping campaigns held in villages.